

Habersham County Resource Handbook

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Introduction

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to assist Habersham County families in gaining access to local and state information. This handbook provides support groups and agencies throughout the county and state that may provide needed support or services desired by families or individuals. The agency or support group is listed in alphabetical order and each listing offers a telephone number and/or contact person along with a brief summary of the services offered.

If the support or service you are seeking has not been listed in this resource book, please contact your Family Support Partner at the Habersham Head Start/Pre-K office. If you are aware of services or agencies not listed in this resource book, please feel free to share that information so it may be listed in the future for other families.

Our goal is to help each family succeed and your calls, requests, and concerns are welcomed.

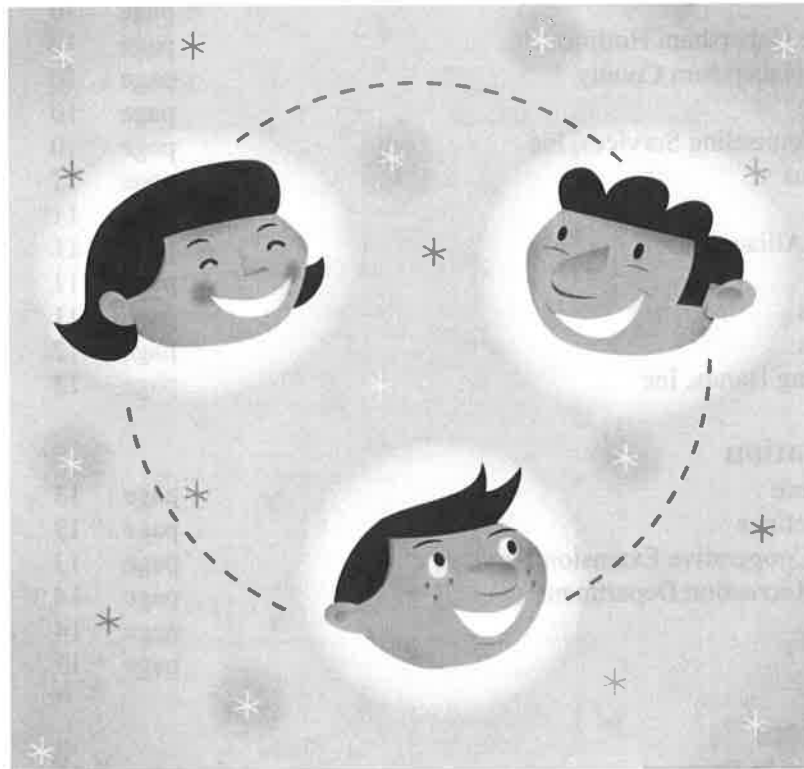


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CHILDCARE

CHILD CARE RESOURCES AND REFERRAL OF NORTH REGION

TELEPHONE: 1-800-308-1825

ADDRESS: 913 N. Tennessee Street Suite 202
Cartersville, GA 30120

WEBSITE: www.qualitycareforchildren.org

DAY CARE CENTERS/PRESCHOOLS

CENTER: **Ark Angels Learning Center**
TELEPHONE: 706-778-2270
ADDRESS: 565 Hoyt St.
Cornelia, GA 30531
CONTACT: Wanda Kinsey

CENTER: **Big Bird's Nest**
TELEPHONE: 706-778-5682
ADDRESS: 632 Alto-Mud Creek Rd.
Alto, GA 30510
CONTACT: Kathy Chitwood

CENTER: **Foundations Academy**
TELEPHONE: 706-894-1529
ADDRESS: 120 Commerce Parkway
Cornelia, GA 30531
CONTACT: Sthar Trotman

CENTER: **Kandy Kane**
TELEPHONE: 706-754-4035
ADDRESS: 1323 Hwy 441 North Historic
Clarkesville, GA 30523
CONTACT: Debbie Loudermilk

CENTER: **Little Dreamer's Academy**
TELEPHONE: 706-894-2606
ADDRESS: 176 Finis Springs Road
Cornelia, GA 30531
CONTACT: Becky Cantrell

CENTER: **Stepping Stones**
TELEPHONE: 706-754-7090
ADDRESS: 197 N Lovell Rd.
Clarkesville, GA 30523
CONTACT: Laverne Jones

CENTER: **The Right Start Development Center**
TELEPHONE: 706-894-2402
ADDRESS: 174 Charlie Batson Rd.
Demorest, GA 30535

COUNSELING/SUPPORT GROUPS

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

CONTACT: Elizabeth Strait
TELEPHONE: 706-776-7768
PURPOSE: Help provide support and information for caretakers and families of Alzheimer's patients.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

TELEPHONE: 706-776-1069 (AA Habersham)
1-800-344-2666 (AA Georgia toll free number)
1-888-425-2666 (AL-Anon/AL-Ateen)
LOCATION: Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church
295 East Green Street
Clarksville, GA 30523
(706) 754-2451
MEETING TIMES: Other locations vary according to need. Call for meeting times and locations.
PURPOSE: A fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.
WEBSITE: www.AAGA.org

ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY

CONTACT: Leave voicemail message. Calls will be returned.
TELEPHONE: 706-778-2822
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Cornelia, corner of Pine Street and Etta Street

MEETING TIME: Every Monday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 PM
Tuesday at 12am and Thursday 8pm

PURPOSE: To help individuals and families cope with a drinking problem.

**AVITA
MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC**

CONTACT: Janice McAllister or Andrew Brant

TELEPHONE: 706-778-4474

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm

ADDRESS: 196 Scoggins Drive
Demorest, GA 30535

PURPOSE: To promote good mental health within the adult, child and family.

SERVICES: Counseling for adults, children and families; psychological testing for children. A child psychiatrist will provide counseling for children with special needs.

FEES: The fee is based on a sliding scale, depending on the amount of income and number of family members. The Medicaid Program pays Medicaid recipient's fee.

CENTER POINT

TELEPHONE: 770-535-1050

ADDRESS: 1050 Elephant Trail
Gainesville, GA 30501

SERVICES: Education, counseling and mentoring for students and their families.

FEES: Fees are based on income (sliding scale).

WEBSITE: www.centerpointgainesville.com

CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR HOPE AND HEALING

TELEPHONE: 770-532-6530

SERVICES: Provides no-cost therapeutic treatment for children ages 4-17 who have been the victims of sexual abuse.

WEBSITE: www.familyrelationsprogram.org

F.A.I.T.H.

TELEPHONE: 706-782-1003

SERVICES: A nonprofit organization which provides free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Serving Rabun, Habersham and Stephens County.

WEBSITE: www.faith-inc.org

FAMILY ART THERAPY

TELEPHONE: 706-782-0717

LOCATION: 106 Oak Crescent Circle
Clayton, GA 30525

SERVICES: Intensive in home family therapy, parenting education skills and support for families at risk. Provide individual, family and group counseling.

GEORGIA CENTER FOR RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

TELEPHONE: 1-866-A-PARENT

SELECTION: Resources and supportive services for foster or adoptive parents.

GEORGIA TOBACCO QUIT LINE

TELEPHONE: 1-877-270-STOP (7867)
Spanish speaking callers call: 1-877-266-3863

HOURS: Daily, 8AM-3PM

SERVICES: The Georgia Quit Line provides free counseling, a resource library, and support and referral services for tobacco user ages 13 and older. Callers have the opportunity to speak with health care professionals who develop a unique plan for each individual. (All languages are available).

HABERSHAM COUNTY MENTORING PROGRAM

TELEPHONE: 706-778-7978

SERVICES: Matches volunteers with children to provide positive role models.

LAURELWOOD

TELEPHONE: 1-800-848-3649

SERVICES: Offers mental health and alcohol and drug services.

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE HABERSHAM HOTLINE

TELEPHONE: 706-778-3100 or 1-800-CHILDREN

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2064
Clarkesville, GA 30523

SERVICES: Provides information, referrals, and support for parents, survivors of abuse, professionals, community members, children adolescents, families and educators.

**RAPE RESPONSE, INC.
HABERSHAM COUNTY**

TELEPHONE: 1-800-721-1999 or 770-503-7273

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2883
Gainesville, GA 30503

SERVICES: To eliminate sexual violence and facilitate recovery of survivors.

WEBSITE: www.raperesponse.com

SAVING HABERSHAM

TELEPHONE: 706-768-6558

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 580
Clarkesville, GA 30523

SERVICES: SAVING HABERSHAM is a community coalition that is committed to eliminating substance abuse and violence in Northeast Georgia. This is implemented as a three-prong approach of education, treatment, and enforcement.

THE MUSTARD SEED COUNSELING SERVICES, INC

CONTACT: Michael Johns, Director

TELEPHONE: 706-894-1371

ADDRESS: P.O Box 1231 1992 Cannon Bridge Rd
Clarkesville, GA 30523 Demorest, GA 30535

SERVICES: Christian based, outpatient substance abuse treatment program.

FEES: Based on treatment needs, for those that cannot afford standard fees, a sliding scale method is used and scholarships are offered to those who cannot pay anything.

WEBSITE: www.mustardseedcounseling.org

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

TELEPHONE: 1-800-559-9503 (24/7)

NEW BEGINNINGS

TELEPHONE: 706-356-2113

SERVICES: A nine month, residential, Christ-centered recovery, program for women who are addicted to drugs and alcohol.

WEBSITE: www.newbeginningsinc.net

NORTH GEORGIA AIDS ALLIANCE

TELEPHONE: 770-297-3175

ADDRESS: 615 Oak Street
Suite D
Gainesville, GA 30501

PURPOSE: To address issues related to HIV and AIDS.

PARENT HELPLINE

TELEPHONE: 770-536-2341 or 1-800-CHILDREN (1-800-244-53736)

TIME: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM-5PM

PURPOSE: A support service for parents. Intervention for child abuse and referral services.

POWERHOUSE FOR KIDS

TELEPHONE: 706-886-2290 or 1-888-782-1338 (24/7 Crisis Line)

HOURS: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

ADDRESS: 768 Hwy 123
Toccoa, GA 30577

SERVICES: Providing free and confidential services to victims of sexual assault or abuse. (Trauma Therapy)

PURPOSE: A child friendly environment for the child and non-offending care giver to tell his/her story to trained professionals and to receive the services necessary to reduce trauma on the child.

TREATMENT RESOURCES

TELEPHONE: 1-888-435-7711 (24/7)

SERVICES: Drug treatment, alcohol detox, marijuana addiction, cocaine abuse, opium addiction, prescription drug abuse, eating disorders and most behavioral and mental health concerns.

PURPOSE: To provide 24-hour resource information to help individuals find appropriate addiction treatment help and behavioral health resources in your local community, state, nationwide or worldwide.

VICTORY HOME - HELPING HAND, INC.

CONTACT: Rev. Richard Pletsch

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6030

HOURS: Office: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm
Store: Tuesday-Saturday 9am-5pm

ADDRESS: 320 Victory Home Lane
P.O. Box 7
Tallulah Falls, GA 30573

PURPOSE: Christian rehabilitation home for the male alcoholic who must have a sponsor to come to the home.

SERVICES: Program of religious studies combined with a work program.

ELIGIBILITY: Sober 72 hours and desire for rehabilitation.

APPLICATION: Can be completed by sponsor only.

COUNTY INFORMATION

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CONTACT: President: Dr. Judy Taylor

TELEPHONE: 706-778-4654

HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm

ADDRESS: 668 Historic Hwy 441
PO Box 366
Cornelia, GA 30531

PURPOSE: To promote the economic, civic, and cultural welcome of the community.

SERVICES: Provide cultural activities, promote business, and promote tourism.

WEBSITE: www.habershamchamber.com

CITY AND COUNTY MEETINGS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

TIME: Third Monday - 6:00 PM

PLACE: Commissioner's Conference Room- Courthouse, Clarkesville, GA

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6264

CITY COMMISSIONERS:

TIME: 7:00 PM, first Tuesday of each month

PLACE: Cornelia Fire Department

TELEPHONE: 706-778-8585

SCHOOL BOARD:

TIME: Second Monday at 6:00 PM of each month

PLACE: Board of Education, Clarkesville, GA

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2118

HABERSHAM COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

CONTACT: Stephen Patrick, Agriculture Agent

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2318

HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

ADDRESS: 555 Monroe Street Unit 50, Box 13
Clarkesville, GA 30523

- PURPOSE:** Coordinating and integrating the resources of the University of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the needs of the citizens of the area.
1. Resource information on all phases of agriculture, landscaping, community development and homemaking.
 2. Provide educational and special interest programs.
 3. Leadership to 4-H Clubs and other youth programs.
- WEBSITE:** www.caes.uga.edu/extension

HABERSHAM COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- CONTACT:** Fenton Morris, Superintendent
- TELEPHONE:** 706-754-3650 or 706-754-3651
- ADDRESS:** 120 Paul Franklin Rd.
Clarkesville, GA 30523
- SERVICES:** Basketball, baseball, football, cheerleading, soccer, and aquatic activities.

LIBRARIES

Clarkesville Library

- CONTACT:** Delana Henson
- TELEPHONE:** 706-754-4413
- HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 9am-1pm
- ADDRESS:** 178 E. Green Street
Clarkesville, GA 30523

Cornelia Library

- CONTACT:** Melissa Duchaine
- TELEPHONE:** 706-778-2635
- HOURS:** Monday & Tuesday 9am-6pm, Wednesday 9am-5pm,
Thursday 9am-7pm, Friday 9am-5pm, NO WEEKENDS
- ADDRESS:** 301 North Main Street
Cornelia, GA 30531
- PURPOSE:** To provide the community with books, reading materials, educational resources and films.

SERVICES: Books, films, film projectors, newspapers, magazines, educational resources.

WEBSITE: www.habershamga.com/libraries

RADIO SERVICES

WCON (CORNELIA) 706-778-2241
(99.3) (107.7)

WEBSITE: www.wconfm.com

Will announce all local school closings during inclement weather.

DISABILITY SERVICES

ALPINE PSYCHO- EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

CONTACT: Melanie Williams

TELEPHONE: 770-532-9981

ADDRESS: 715 Woods Mill Rd
PO Box 2459
Gainesville, GA 30503

PURPOSE: ALPINE is a school for children with severe emotional and behavioral problems.

ARC OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA (Association of Retarded Citizens)

CONTACT: Becki Pierce- President

TELEPHONE: 706-754-5676

LOCATION: P.O. Box 478
Demorest, GA 30535

SERVICES: Provides recreation, support, respite, and other services for the developmentally delayed.

WEBSITE: www.thearcofgeorgia.org

ASSISTING THE NEEDS FOR THE DISABLED, INC

CONTACT: Ray and Sue Rowell

TELEPHONE: 706-754-5404

ADDRESS: 203 Gastley Rd
Clarkesville, GA 30523

SERVICES: To assist in acquiring ramps, home modifications, and grab bars for qualifying individuals.

BABIES CAN'T WAIT

TELEPHONE: 1-800-204-8731

SERVICES: A program in Georgia that serves families of very young children, from birth to age three, who have disabilities or significant developmental delays.

CHALLENGED CHILD, INC AND FRIENDS

TELEPHONE: 770-535-8372

SELECTION: Provides early intervention services to children ages birth-5 with developmental delays and disabilities or at-risk conditions.

WEBSITE: www.challengedchild.org

PARENT TO PARENT OF GEORGIA, INC

CONTACT: Debbie Tucker

TELEPHONE: 770-451-5484/1-800-229-2038

HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30am -4pm

ADDRESS: 3070 Presidential Parkway
Suite 130
Atlanta, GA 30340

PURPOSE: A support system for parents who have just learned that their child has a disability. Parent-to-Parent makes contact with referred families only when these families express an interest in talking with a supporting parent.

WEBSITE: www.p2pga.org

PRESCHOOL READINESS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (PREP)

CONTACT: Donna Dixon, Director of Special Education Programs

TELEPHONE: 706-754-9233 or 706-754-2913

ADDRESS: Habersham County Schools
PO Box 70
West Stanford Mill Road
Clarksville, GA 30523

SERVICES:

- Preschool Special Education
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Support Services for parents and all care providers
- Ages 3-12

WEBSITE: www.habershamschools.com

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

CONTACT: Ken Hise

TELEPHONE: 1-706-348-4882

ADDRESS: 243 South Main Street, Suite B
Cleveland, GA 30528

PURPOSE: The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation prepares a disabled person 16 years or older for employment so he/she can reach his/her maximum vocational potential and be a contributing member of society. It is a part of the Department of Human Resources.

SERVICES: Complete diagnostic services, vocational counseling and guidance, pre-vocation and adjustment training, college, university, technical and on-the-job training, job placement and follow-up medical services, artificial appliances, maintenance and transportation, initial stock, tools, licenses and equipment.

ELIGIBILITY: Rehabilitation services are available to any person with a mental or physical disability, which constitutes a substantial disability to employment. There also must be a reasonable expectation that after receiving rehabilitation services, the person will become gainfully employed.

WEBSITE: www.vocrehabga.org

EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION - GED

CONTACT: Dr. Barbara Melicar, Director of Adult Education
Christy Gosnell, Secretary

TELEPHONE: 706-754-7748-Clarkesville, 706-776-7323-Cornelia

HOURS: Tuesday & Thursday 4pm-7pm at NGTC
Monday-Thursday 8am-2pm at the NGTC Adult Education building in Cornelia

ADDRESS: North Georgia Technical College Adult Learning Center
Hwy. 197 166 Commerce Parkway
Clarkesville, GA 30523 Cornelia, GA 30531

PURPOSE: To provide classes in basic education for individuals who have not completed high school.

SERVICES: Day and night classes. Offered at Toccoa and Athens campuses.
GED Testing, GED Certificate, ESL Civics, and ASSET Test.

ADULT EDUCATION - TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL

CONTACT: Leslie Foster, Director of Continuing Education

TELEPHONE: 706-754-7715

ADDRESS: North Georgia Technical College
Hwy. 197
Clarkesville, GA 30523

PURPOSE: To provide technical and vocational education for individuals.

COURSES OFFERED:

1. Automotive Body Repair
2. Auto Mechanics
3. Business Education – Accounting, clerk-typist, secretarial
4. Carpentry - cabinet making
5. Cosmetology
6. Data Processing Technology
7. Drafting and Design
8. Electrical Appliances Servicing
9. Electrical Technology
10. Machine and Tool Design
11. Masonry Trades
12. Certified Laboratory Assistant (Medical)
13. Ornamental Horticulture
14. Photography
15. Plumbing and Heating

16. Practical Nursing
17. Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
18. Small Engine Mechanics
19. Watch Repair
20. Welding
21. Computer Literacy

- STUDENT AID:
1. Basic Grant (BEOG)
 2. Georgia Incentive Scholarship (GIS)
 3. Work Study
 4. The Georgia Guaranteed Student Loan
 5. State Cancelable Loans
 6. Tuition free to residents of Georgia

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals must be 16 years old or older.

ADULT READING CLASSES

- CONTACT: Dr. Barbara Melicar, Director of Adult Education
Director of Continuing Education
- TELEPHONE: 706-776-7323
- ADDRESS: 166 Commerce Parkway Unit D
Cornelia, GA 30531
- PURPOSE: To assist adults in improving reading skills.

LOCAL COLLEGES

COLLEGE: **Gainesville State College**
TELEPHONE: 678-717-3641
WEBSITE: www.gsc.edu

COLLEGE: **Lanier Technical College**
TELEPHONE: 770-531-6300
WEBSITE: www.laniertech.edu

COLLEGE: **North Georgia Technical College**
TELEPHONE: 706-754-6311
WEBSITE: www.northgatech.edu

COLLEGE: **Piedmont College**
TELEPHONE: 1-800-277-7020
WEBSITE: www.piedmont.edu

GAINESVILLE CARE CENTER

TELEPHONE: 770-535-1245

ADDRESS: 434 Green Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

PURPOSE: Watch parenting skills videos. Can go during your pregnancy and up until your child is 6 months of age. Earn points for each visit. Turn your points in and receive free items for your baby.

GEORGIA FATHERHOOD PROGRAM

TELEPHONE: 404-679-1697

ADDRESS: Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education
1800 Century Place, Suite 300
Atlanta, GA 30345

SERVICES: What this unique program does is provide education, training, and job placement for non-custodial parents with court-ordered child support. It does so through the technical colleges and colleges throughout Georgia. This allows the parent to contribute to the economic well being of his children and to the economy of the state.

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2118

ADDRESS: 132 Stanford Mill Road
PO Box 70
Clarkeville, GA 30523

SERVICES: Information about bus route transportation, employment opportunities, school district, school lunch program and transcript requests.

HABERSHAM COUNTY HEAD START/PRE-K

CONTACT: Elizabeth Ann Rogers

TELEPHONE: 706-778-7809 or 706-776-1831

ADDRESS: 291 Light Street, Baldwin, GA 30511 (physical)
PO Box 231, Cornelia, GA 30531 (mailing)

PURPOSE-SERVICES: The HEAD START Program is a national program providing comprehensive child development services. These services are provided primarily to low-income families. To help enrolled children achieve their

full potential, the Head Start program helps provide health, nutritional, educational, social and other services. In addition, the Head Start program is required to provide for the direct participation of parents of enrolled children. Parents receive training and education that helps foster better understanding of their children. They also become involved in the development, conduct and direction of local Head Start program.

ELIGIBILITY: Federal Poverty Income Guidelines determine eligibility; however, 10% of enrolled children may be accepted from families above the guidelines.

PRE-K is a state-funded program for four-year-olds which is funded through the Georgia lottery. The goal of every Georgia Pre-K classroom is to provide our four-year old children with the learning experiences they need in order to prepare for Kindergarten. In Habersham County, both programs are administered through the Ninth District Opportunity Program and are housed together at the Head Start Center in Baldwin.

ADULT EDUCATION workshops to develop parenting skills in safety and first aid, health, nutrition, child development, referral services and community resources are provided.

All program services are provided for children with disabilities and their families.

MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM

CONTACT: Pam Dalton

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2110

ELIGIBILITY: Families who have moved within the past six years across school system lines for the purpose of seeking temporary or seasonal agricultural jobs.

SERVICES: Provides opportunities for children to gain the necessary skills to function as productive members of society. Also provides supplemental academic and social services to help these children succeed in the regular classroom program.

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

TELEPHONE: 706-754-4461

LOCATION: 901 Fairview School Rd
Demorest, GA 30535

SERVICES: Offers academic, self-paced, individualized, evening high school that serves students who are seeking a non-traditional school environment and who desire a Georgia high school diploma. MECHS also serves students who need to make-up missed credit from their regular high school, enabling them to stay on academic track and graduate with their peers.

MECHS is a year-round high school that offers all Georgia required curriculum courses, as well as, a variety of vocational courses and state-mandated testing.

WEBSITE: www.mountaineducationcenter.net

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

CONTACT: Dr. Carol James

TELEPHONE: 706-778-3100

ADDRESS: 405 Cornelia Plaza Drive
Cornelia, GA 30531

SERVICES: PARENTS AS TEACHERS envisions that all children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential. Parent educators make home visits to provide the information; support and encouragement that parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

CONTACT: School principal at your school

SERVICE: Free or reduced cost breakfast and lunch program for children in Habersham County Schools.

ELIGIBILITY: Determined by family size and income.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

CONTACT: Fran Chastain

TELEPHONE: 706-754-7855

LOCATION: North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville, GA

SERVICES: Assist non-traditional students with enrollment.

ELIGIBILITY: Serves students who meet one of the following: single parent, over the age of 27, a student enrolled in a non-traditional program, displaced homemaker, or displace worker.

HEROES, a support group for Special Population students meets once per month.

EMERGENCY/NON-EMERGENCY

ANIMAL SERVICES

Animal Control

TELEPHONE: 706-754-0044

John B. Gesbocker Animal Shelter

TELEPHONE: 706-754-3533

SERVICES: Offers pet adoption, spay/neuter program, animal cruelty control and shelter services for animals.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

TELEPHONE: 770-532-8453 (Gainesville)
Toll free 1-800-282-1722

ADDRESS: Northeast Georgia Chapter
675 White Sulphur Rd.
Suite 230
P.O. Box 3370
Gainesville, GA 30501

WEBSITE: www.negaredcross.org

PURPOSE: To serve servicemen and their families and to give aid and assistance where needed.

SERVICES:

- Set up emergency loans and emergency leaves for servicemen.
- Provides food, clothing, shelter and medical aid to disaster victims.
- Collects blood.
- Provides nursing services in communities when there is a need.
- Conducts first aid programs (infant, child, adult, and AED)
- Provides safety training for small crafts.
- Conducts water safety programs.
- Organizes high school and junior Red Cross units.
- Works internationally when services are needed in other areas.
- Helps provide college for some young people.

DRUG TASK FORCE HOTLINE

CONTACT: Kyle Bryant
TELEPHONE: 706-839-1977

HABERSHAM COUNTY EMA

CONTACT: Lin Smith
TELEPHONE: 706-778-9500
HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm (Office hours only)
ADDRESS: 175 EOC Drive
Mt. Airy, GA 30563
PURPOSE: To educate and train the citizens of this county in the methods of survival in case of disaster. To assist all governmental agencies or individuals when called upon in the saving of lives and property and to take charge of and coordinate all defense agencies in the event of a major disaster.

HABERSHAM COUNTY UNITED WAY

CONTACT: Bonnie Lafredo
TELEPHONE: 706-776-1591 (Volunteer Center)
706-778-0620 (United Way)
HOURS: Volunteer Center: Monday-Friday 9am-1pm
United Way: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
ADDRESS: 236-C Level Grove Road
Cornelia, GA 30531
SERVICES: Place individuals with agencies reflective of their interests and time schedules. Some agencies are: 4-H, Boy Scouts, Challenged Child, Chaplain's Association, Emergency Shelters, Family Relations Program, Girl Scouts, Habersham Christian Learning Center, Homework Centers, Rape Response, Senior Center, Volunteers for Literacy, Volunteer Center of Habersham, Habersham Soup Kitchen, and Gateway House Shelter.

POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Alto	706-778-8028
Baldwin	706-776-5256
Clarkesville	706-754-5390
Cleveland	706-865-2111
Cornelia**	706-778-4314

Community Resource Handbook

Demorest	706-754-7562
Homer	706-677-2248
Mt. Airy	706-894-2986
Tallulah Falls	706-754-6040

****offers car seat checks**

Habersham Co. Sheriff's Office	706-754-6666
Banks Co. Sheriff's Office	706-677-2248
Georgia State Patrol	706-552-4439
Georgia Dept. of Drivers Services	706-282-4821

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Alto (Rock Springs)	706-677-4352
Baldwin	706-778-8711
Baldwin (Banks)	706-776-3504
Clarksville	706-754-2024
Cleveland	706-865-3855
Cornelia	706-778-4343
Demorest	706-754-7563
Habersham County	706-754-2822
Hab. Co. Fire Chief	706-754-2822
Homer	706-677-2239
Tallulah Falls	706-754-6040

EMPLOYMENT

ETCON

CONTACT: Arlene Collins, Office Manager

TELEPHONE: 706-776-7636

HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

ADDRESS: 101-A Demorest Square
Demorest, GA 30535

SERVICES: ETCON is a private corporation providing employment and training services to business and industry in North Georgia.

NEW CONNECTIONS TO WORK

TELEPHONE: 706-754-7766

SERVICES: Sponsored by NGTC, this program offers workshops and services to assist single parents, displaced homemakers and single pregnant women in their job search.

STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/DEPT OF LABOR

CORNELIA

CONTACT: Becky Waters, Manager

TELEPHONE 706-776-0811

HOURS: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

ADDRESS: 215 Hodges Street
Suite 205
Cornelia, GA 30531

TOCCOA

CONTACT: Greg Pitts

TELEPHONE 706-282-4514

ADDRESS: 37 Fore Acre Drive
P.O. Box 520
Toccoa, GA 30577

PURPOSE: To help secure employment for people of all ages and backgrounds without charging a fee.

SERVICES: Youth employment - stay in school program, apprenticeship information, bonding assistance, employment services for rural areas, Job Corps, labor mobility - relocation assistance, manpower development and training on job or classroom, new careers, older workers employment assistance, physically/mentally disabled employment service, unemployment insurance, and Work Incentive Program.

WEBSITE: www.dol.state.ga.us

FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

ADOPTIONS/FOSTER CARE

TELEPHONE: 1-877-210-KIDS

SELECTION: Information/inquiry for those interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents.

ADOPTION REUNION REGISTRY

TELEPHONE: 1-888-328-0055

SELECTION: Services to birth parents, adopted persons, adoptive parents and siblings who are affected by adoptions finalized in Georgia.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

TELEPHONE: 1-888-774-0152

SELECTION: Make reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of disabled adults or elder person who are NOT residents of nursing or personal care homes.

BRIGHT FROM THE START

Ga. Dept. of Early Care and Learning

TELEPHONE: 1-888-442-7735

SERVICES: Provides information on Child Car Licensing, Georgia's Pre-K Program, Federal Child and Adult Care Food Program, Head Start Collaboration, and the Standards of Care Program.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

TELEPHONE: 1-800-227-7993

SERVICES: Assists callers with case and payment information.

CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT

TELEPHONE: 1-877-423-4746

WEBSITE: www.ocse.dhr.georgia.gov

SERVICES: To help recover child support, call for fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES (DFCS)

HABERSHAM COUNTY

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2148

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

ADDRESS: 1045 Grant Street
PO Box 160
Clarksville, GA 30523

PURPOSE: To assist those who need financial and medical assistance or social services.

SERVICES: Medical assistance or aid to families with dependent children, food stamp program (EBT), temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), family planning and homemaker services, day care services, legal aid, work incentive program, aid to the aged, blind and disabled, aid to totally disabled, emergency needs (food, clothing, rent and utilities), foster care, group homes, services to travelers aid, adoptions, and vocational rehabilitation.

BANKS COUNTY

TELEPHONE: 706-677-2272

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

ADDRESS: 423 Evans Street
P.O. Box 159
Homer, GA 30547

HALL COUNTY

TELEPHONE: 770-532-5258

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

ADDRESS: 970 McEver Road Extension
Gainesville, GA 30504

STEPHENS COUNTY

TELEPHONE: 706-282-4505

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

ADDRESS: 64 Boulevard Suite 1001
Toccoa, GA 30577

MEDICARE (SSA/Social Security Administration)

TELEPHONE: 1-800-MEDICARE

SELECTION: Obtain enrollment forms and information on Medicare prescription discount cards.

MY TURN NOW

TELEPHONE: 1-800-603-1322

SELECTION: Information on children available for adoption.

PERSONAL ADVOCATES

TELEPHONE: 1-800-869-1150

SERVICES: Handle complaints and inquires related to TANF, Food Stamps, Medicaid and Child Care.

RIGHT FROM THE START (RSM)

TELEPHONE: 1-800-809-7276

SERVICES: Caller can request an RSM or Georgia Partnership for Caring application, get contact information for the nearest Medicaid Eligibility Specialist, and inquire about PeachCare for Kids and Women's Health Medicaid.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

ANNUAL CREDIT REPORT

TELEPHONE: 1-877-322-8228

SERVICES: You are entitled to receive one free credit report every 12 months from each of the nationwide consumer credit reporting companies- Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. This free credit report can be requested through the website, by phone or by mail (follow the steps online).

WEBSITE: www.annualcreditreport.com

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TELEPHONE: 1-800-282-5813

ADDRESS: 244 Washington Street, 1st Floor
Atlanta, GA 30334

SERVICES: Provides an avenue of complaint for persons who think their electric bills are not correct, and in all areas of public service. Provides an outlet for consumers to air their views.

ELIGIBILITY: Any resident of Georgia.

INFOLINK

CONTACT: Teresa Franklin

TELEPHONE: 706-776-2222

HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 572
Cornelia, GA 30531

SERVICES: Listings of available resources and agencies within the area. Information and referrals on health and human service organizations. Trained staff available to assist.

NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

SERVICES: The following services are provided by the agency pending availability of funds. Target population includes, families with young children, elderly and or disabled. All individuals must meet the income eligibility guidelines as set forth by the funding source (125% to 200% of poverty).

CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- Assessment, counseling services and family enrichment services
- Development of individualized case plans
- Enrollment in special community projects
- Coordination of clothing, furniture or other personal care items

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

- Job coaching/referral/placement
- Assistance with obtaining child support and other resource benefits, i.e.; child care

BUDGET COUNSELING & DEVELOPMENT

- Counseling/Referral to credit counseling services
- Money management training and budget counseling

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- Homeless Prevention and Re-location assistance
- Weatherization Services for the Home
- Installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (Weatherization)

HEALTH

- Assessment/Referral to proper resources for timely immunizations
- Dissemination of information regarding health information and resources
- Coordination of health awareness and promotion activities (Health fairs)
- Purchase of prescription medicine
- Assistance for free/reduced rate prescription medicine (non-insured)

NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

- Provision of food assistance and other special feeding initiatives
- Application assistance for SNAP benefits

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

- Arranging for payment for past due utility
- Referral for other energy related services
- SCANA Regulated Referral to establish utility service
- Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (opens to 65+ and Homebound in November, general public in December)

WEBSITE:

www.ndo.org

BANKS COUNTY

Christy Hill

110 Shortest Street
Homer, Georgia 30547-0144
Phone: (706) 677-3921
Fax: (706) 677-5143

HABERSHAM COUNTY

Linda Shadburn

144 Commerce Pkwy, Suite A
Cornelia, Georgia 30531-0250
Phone: (706) 778-0075
Fax: (706) 778-0085

DAWSON COUNTY

Alice Williamson

54 Hwy 53 W
Dawsonville, Georgia 30534-0009
Phone: (706) 265-3744
Fax: (706) 265-4555

HALL COUNTY

Shanna Cotton

510 West Avenue, Ste 500
Gainesville, Georgia 30501-3402
Phone: (770) 534-8826
or (770) 534-8820
Fax: (770) 534-0698

FORSYTH COUNTY

Pam Morris

133 Samaritan Drive, Suite 112
Cumming, Georgia 30040-2396
Phone: (770) 889-9420
Fax: (770) 889-8429

HART COUNTY

Gail Blackwell

500 N. Richardson Street,
Head Start Center
Hartwell, Georgia 30643-6033
Phone: (706) 376-4150
Fax: (706) 377-4416

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Anne V. Marcengill

Franklin Co. Community Center
6885 Highway 145
Carnesville, Georgia 30521
Phone: (706) 384-3495
Fax: (706) 384-5066

LUMPKIN COUNTY

Marilyn Smiley

75 Enota Street
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533-0544
Phone: (706) 864-4637
Fax: (706) 864-1558

RABUN COUNTY

Brandie Potts

1236 Old Hwy 441 South
Clayton, Georgia 30525-0691
Phone: (706) 782-3704
Fax: (706) 782-9602

UNION COUNTY

Ann Sullivan

Civic Center
185 Wellborn St., Box 8
Blairsville, Georgia 30512-3550
Phone: (706) 745-6596
Fax: (706) 781-1631

STEPHENS COUNTY

Vanessa Youngblood

161 Queen Street
Toccoa, Georgia 30577-1402
Phone: (706) 886-0211
Fax: (706) 886-7049

WHITE COUNTY

Yvonne Cruse

Community Center
1331 Helen Highway
Cleveland, Georgia 30528-6938
Phone: (706) 865-6220
Fax: (706) 865-6223

TOWNS COUNTY

Teresa Stephens

1294 Jack Dayton Circle
Young Harris, GA 30582
Hiawassee, Georgia 30546-0042
Phone: (706) 896-4783
Fax: (706) 896-4790

SALVATION ARMY OF TOCCOA

TELEPHONE: 706-886-5293

LOCATION: 306 East Franklin Street
Toccoa, GA 30577

Thrift Store
419 South Big A Road
Toccoa, GA 30577

HOURS: Thrift Store: Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm

SERVICES: Provides assistance with utilities and rent, provide food and clothing, as well as assistance with medical needs. They also provide help with Christmas gifts during the holiday season.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

TELEPHONE: 706-886-1621 or 1-800-772-1213

CENTRAL OFFICE: Social Security Administration
Toccoa, GA 30577

PURPOSE - SERVICES: A compulsory social insurance program providing protection against (1) loss of income due to old age, (2) death of the family provider and (3) permanent & total disability.

SAFELINK

TELEPHONE: 1-800-SAFE-LINK

WEBSITE: safelinkwireless.com

SERVICES: A government supported program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers.

TELEPHONE BILL ASSISTANCE/LIFELINE

TELEPHONE: 1-800-501-1754

SERVICES: Offers a program that provides qualified low income households a discount on their monthly local telephone bill.

USDA RECD

(United States Department of Agriculture / Rural Economic and Community Development)

CONTACT: Samuel Kirkland

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6239

ADDRESS: 555 Monroe St. Unit 83
Box 12
Clarkesville, GA 30523

PURPOSE: This agency is a lending agency for Farm Development Operating Loans, purchase and refinance loans for farmers; farm debts, water loans to municipalities, recreation loans, loans on rural dwellings.

SERVICES:

- Loans and grants for farm labor housing
- Farm operating loans
- Ownership loans
- Forestry loans
- Emergency loans

- Low-income rural family loans
- Grading, irrigation and drainage loans
- Low-income mortgage insurance

FOOD/CLOTHING

ONE HARVEST FOOD MINISTRIES

CONTACT: oneharvest.com

TELEPHONE: 877-818-1778 or 770-466-0000

SERVICES: Boxes of food for \$35.00. - 9 Different Choices

PURPOSE: One Harvest is a non-profit faith based organization that is committed to helping families by offering affordable, pre-packaged, high quality food boxes.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS/PANTRIES

DISTRIBUTIONS

Glade Creek Baptist Church
706-754-6586
3rd Thursday of every month; 5pm-6pm

The Torch
706-778-4063
1st Saturday of each month, 8:30AM

Harvest Christian Church
706-754-4704
2nd Wednesday of every month; 9am-12pm

Clarkesville Soup Kitchen
706-754-3223 or 706-778-1399
10:30am-12:30pm Mon-Sat

Harmony Baptist Church
706-776-3904
2nd Tuesday of every month; 10am-2pm

Alto Congregational Holiness Church
706-778-6143
Mon. 10:00am-1:00pm
Thurs. 2:00pm-5:00pm
One box per month.

PANTRIES

Salvation Army
706-886-5293
Mon-Thur 9-3:30- Gone to lunch 12-1

Shady Grove Ministry
706-778-5045
Wednesday 6-8

Sharing & Caring
706-754-6420 or 706-778-2980
10:00am-12:45pm

New Vision Worship
706-778-8364

Habersham Families Helping Families
706-754-9741
Tues & Fri 1pm-4pm (Once every 3 months)

River Point Community Church
706-778-5000
Every Tuesday; 9:30-11:00
(Families can participate every week)

Open Door Food Ministry/The Torch
236 Level Grove Rd, Cornelia Ga
Sat & Monday 10:00-12:00, Wed 5-7 PM
Can participate every 60 days.

GET REAL MINISTRIES/GRACE POINT

TELEPHONE: 706-776-7491

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 293
Baldwin, GA 30511

SERVICES: Provides assistance to individuals and families in the area as needed. Call for more information.

WEBSITE: www.getrealnow.org

HABERSHAM COUNTY SOUP KITCHEN

CLARKESVILLE

CONTACT: Hawk or Sharon Smessaert

TELEPHONE: 706-754-3223

HOURS: 11:30am-1pm

ADDRESS: Ritchie Street (behind Woods Furniture)
Clarkesville, GA 30523

SERVICES: Provide meals to the hungry.

HABERSHAM FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES

TELEPHONE: 706-754-9741

HOURS: Thrift store hours: Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am – 4:00pm
Food Distributions: Tuesdays and Fridays Only 1:00pm -4:00 pm
(Can only receive food once every 3 months.)

SHARING AND CARING

PURPOSE: To assist families in need.

ELIGIBILITY: Income and need.

SERVICES: Food pantry, clothing shop, energy assistance, medical assistance and assists with medical bills, medication, eyeglasses and dentures.

CLARKESVILLE

TELEPHONE: 706-754-6420

HOURS: Monday-Wednesday 10am-12:45pm
Closed Thursday
Friday 10am-12:45pm

Clothes Pantry: Monday-Saturday 10am-12:45pm

ADDRESS: Camelot Way
Clarkesville, GA 30523

CORNELIA

TELEPHONE: 706-778-2980

HOURS: Monday-Friday 10am-1pm

ADDRESS: 195 Stovall Street
Cornelia, GA 30531

SHIRLEY'S SOUL FOOD

TELEPHONE: 706-297- 7739

HOURS: Monday-Saturday at 2:00pm

ADDRESS: 124 West Currahee Street
Toccoa, GA 30577

SERVICES: Serves meals to any individual(s) in need at 2:00 when supply allows.

THE TOCCOA SOUP KITCHEN

CONTACT: Gary Lance

TELEPHONE: 706-886-8341

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 11:30am-12:30pm

SERVICES: Provides food for the hungry and emergency shelter for those in need due to domestic abuse, child abuse, fire, eviction or any other dire emergency situation. There is also a clothes closet that provides free clothing.

HELPLINES

CIRCLE OF HOPE/FAMILY VIOLENCE

CONTACT: Suzanne Dow, Executive Director

TELEPHONE: Administration: 706-776-3406 (Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm)
Crisis Line: 706-776-4673 (24/7)
1-800-33HAVEN

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 833
Cornelia, GA 30531

SERVICES: Provides shelter and services such as counseling, support groups, and legal services to battered women and their children.

WEBSITE: www.gacircleofhope.org

FAMILY VIOLENCE

TELEPHONE: 1-800-33HAVEN
SELECTION: Statewide crisis line for domestic violence.

HOUSING/TEMPORARY HOUSING

GATEWAY HOUSE, INC.

CONTACT: Jessica Butler, Director
TELEPHONE: 770-536-5860
HOURS: 24-hour service available, if needed
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2962
Gainesville, GA 30503
SERVICES: Shelter for battered women and their children
ELIGIBILITY: A woman must have been physically abused by a spouse within the last seven days. She must be in need of safe, temporary housing for her or her children, and have no other alternatives (family, friends, etc.). She must be physically and mentally able to participate in community-style living at Gateway House. Gateway House cannot accept women currently abusing alcohol/drugs, or male children age 13 or over.

HABERSHAM HOMELESS MINISTRIES

CONTACT: Joann Kennedy
TELEPHONE: 706-754-9031
ADDRESS: 105 Dove Lane
Clarkesville, GA 30523
SERVICES: Provides funds to prevent eviction and/or loss of utilities or transportation as well as six different shelter locations where individuals can stay for free for a one-month period while they seek employment and permanent housing.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

CONTACT: Jan Pruitt
TELEPHONE: 706-754-5313
HOURS: Store Hours: Thurs, Fri, Sat 9:00am- 3:00pm

Office Hours: call 706-754-5313 ext. 201

ADDRESS: 1085 Rocky Branch Road
PO Box 982
Clarkesville, GA 30523

PURPOSE: To help provide adequate housing.

ELIGIBILITY: Income and need, builds homes for families unable to attain traditional home mortgages.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

TELEPHONE: 1-800-596-1380

HOURS: Monday-Thursday 7:30am-5:30pm

CENTRAL OFFICE: 437 South Pond Street
P.O. Drawer J
Toccoa, GA 30577

PURPOSE: Provide rent affordable homes for low-income families; with cooperation of local agencies tenant groups are assisted in planning and promoting recreational programs and some welfare services.

ELIGIBILITY: Families with low-income whose net assets, together with the net income of the family, are insufficient for them to obtain and to maintain adequate accommodations on the private market; families who are displaced, or about to be, through government action are given preference for admissions. The total family income determines the amount of monthly rental, which is approximately 20% of the income. Families are assigned to dwelling units of appropriate size and composition of the family.

PROJECT SAFE

TELEPHONE: 706-543-3331

SERVICES: Domestic violence education/prevention as well as shelter and assistance for those in domestic violence situations.

WEBSITE: www.project-safe.org

SHIRLEY'S SHELTER

TELEPHONE: 706-297- 7739

ADDRESS: 124 West Currahee Street
Toccoa, GA 30577

SERVICES: Provides housing for the homeless individuals who are employed 2-3 days a week. Must pass a drug test and comply with all the shelter rules.

LEGAL SERVICES

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TELEPHONE: 1-800-282-5813
ADDRESS: 244 Washington Street, 1st Floor
Atlanta, GA 30334

SERVICES: Provides an avenue of complaint for persons who think their electric bills are not correct, and in all areas of public service. Provides an outlet for consumers to air their views.

ELIGIBILITY: Any resident of Georgia.

LEGAL AID/GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

CONTACT: Wendy Glasbrenner, Managing Attorney
TELEPHONE: 1-800-745-5717
HOURS: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
ADDRESS: 705 Washington Street, NW PO Box 1337
Suite B-1 Gainesville, GA 30503
Gainesville, GA 30503

SERVICES: To provide legal services to the indigent population of 33 counties of North Georgia in non-criminal matters. If the client is eligible and the civil case is not fee-generating, i.e., a private attorney could not collect a fee from the opposite party, whatever legal service is required to obtain the desired results for the client will be provided.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person receiving public assistance from the Department of Family and Children Services is eligible. A member of the family whose gross monthly income does not exceed \$250 plus \$50 for each dependent is also eligible. Source of support is the National Legal Services Corporation.

MOUNTAIN CIRCUIT CASA *(Court Appointed Special Advocates)*

CONTACT: Melissa Mitchell
TELEPHONE: 706-886-1098
HOURS: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

ADDRESS: 221 North Board Street
Toccoa, GA 30577

PURPOSE: To train community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are in the court system.

POVERTY RIGHTS OFFICE

CONTACT: Debbie Bennett Reynolds

TELEPHONE: 404-525-5948

HOURS: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

LOCATION: 1017 Hank Aaron Drive
Atlanta, GA 30315

PURPOSE - SERVICES: To help needy people and to act as their advocates. They offer information and referrals in the areas of welfare rights, legal rights, social security and veteran's benefits, sub-standard housing and evictions, public housing, lost or stolen welfare checks, emergency assistance, poverty laws, transportation, Medicaid and Medicare. They also publish the Poor People's Newspaper, a free monthly containing news and information relating to the concerns of needy people.

HOW TO APPLY: Telephone, letter, or in person.

PROBATE COURT

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2013

ADDRESS: 555 Monroe Street, County Courthouse
P.O. Box 876
Clarkesville, GA 30523

SERVICES: The Habersham County Probate Court exercises exclusive, original jurisdiction in the probate of wills, administration of estates, appointment of guardians and involuntary hospitalization of incapacitated adults and other individuals. You can obtain the official birth certificate that is required by Habersham County for your child to enter the school system. This court can also assist in granting guardianship of children or adults.

WEBSITE: www.habershamga.com/probatecourt

MEDICAL SERVICES

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION (GA Chapter)

CONTACT: Jennifer Duncan

TELEPHONE: 1-404-237-8771; Hotline: 1-800-933-7023

ADDRESS: 2970 Peachtree Road NW
Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30305

SERVICES: To assist arthritic patients in the diagnosis and treatment of this disease. The hotline will give immediate response to questions concerning arthritis. An annual camp experience is offered for children with arthritis. Call for dates and information.

ELIGIBILITY: Referral from a doctor may be needed.

ATHENS NURSES CLINIC

TELEPHONE: 706-613-6976

ADDRESS: 496 Reese Street
Athens, GA 30601

SERVICES: Dental Clinics twice per month on Fridays.

EMAIL: athensnurseclinic@juno.com

BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM

CONTACT: Cathy Broom

TELEPHONE: 1-404-657-3156

SERVICES: Provides access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services for low-income, uninsured, and underserved women who are between the ages of 40-64 for breast cancer and 21-64 for cervical cancer. Priority is given to never or rarely screened women, those aged 50-64 whose income does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level.

CANCER STATE AID PROGRAM (CSA)

TELEPHONE: 404-463-5111

ADDRESS: 2 Peachtree Street
16th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303

SERVICES: Provides cancer treatment to uninsured and under-insured, low-income Georgians who have cancer and would benefit most from treatment. Applicants must have an income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The cost of treatment is paid through state funding. Physicians donate their services.

AVITA COMMUNITY PARTNERS

CONTACT: Janice McAllister, Area Service Director

TELEPHONE: 706-894-3700

HOURS: Monday-Thursday 7:30am-6pm
Friday 8:00am-5pm

ADDRESS: 196 Scoggins Drive
Demorest, GA 30535

PURPOSE: Mental Health/Counseling Services

GEORGIA ASTHMA CONTROL PROGRAM

CONTACT: Pamela Snow

TELEPHONE: 478-745-0411 EXT 263

SERVICES: Helps reduce the burden of asthma and improve the health and quality of life for all persons affected by asthma through effective control of the disease.

GEORGIA HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (GHP)

TELEPHONE: 1-866-221-0950

SERVICES: Medicaid care replacement, change GBHC providers, Medicaid information, and Health Check information.

GEORGIA NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

CONTACT: Sonya Crutchfield
TELEPHONE: 404-657-6523
E-MAIL: smcrutchfield@dhr.state.ga.us
SERVICES: Preventing obesity and other chronic diseases.

GEORGIA RELAY DIAL 7-1-1

TELEPHONE: 1-866-694-5824 (Voice/TTY)
ADDRESS: Georgia Relay
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334
SERVICES: Process hearing impaired calls.

GRACE GATE

TELEPHONE: 706-839-4080
ADDRESS: 1040 Hwy 441
Demorest, GA 30535
SERVICES: Provides medical care, and pharmaceutical care. Clinic is free for qualified low-income, uninsured adults. Each person must fill out an application, which will determine if they are qualified, then services would be provided as needed.
HOURS: Pick up applications Monday and Wednesday 9-5
Clinic Hours-Tuesdays 12:30-5:00
5:30-last patient seen
Thursdays 12:30-5:00
5:30-last patient seen
(Second and Forth Thursday Evening)

HABERSHAM HOMECARE

CONTACT: Greg Higginbotham, Department Manager
TELEPHONE: 706-754-6575
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 668
Demorest, GA 30535

- SERVICES:** A nonprofit health care agency that provides care in the home of patients as ordered by the patient's doctor. Services provided include skilled nursing, licensed clinical social worker, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, home health aides, health or nutritional guidance, and limited medical supplies.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Patients must be receiving care in their home under Medicare and/or Medicaid. Patients must be essentially homebound and in need of skilled care or need physical and/or speech therapy. A doctor must validate approval for such care. For patients NOT under Medicare and/or Medicaid. Care is provided as prescribed by a doctor regardless of homebound status. They serve residents in Habersham, Hall, Banks, Rabun, and White Counties.
- COST:** No cost for any health care provider under Medicare or Medicaid. Regular cost for patients not under Medicare and/or Medicaid.

HABERSHAM LIFE/TOCCOA LIFE CARE CENTER

CONTACT: Brenda Burrell (Cornelia) or Barbara and John Mattison (Toccoa)

TELEPHONE: 706-776-5225 (Cornelia) or 1-800-499-0177 (Toccoa)

ADDRESS: 215 Hodges Street
#210
Cornelia, GA 30531

HOURS: Monday 11am-2pm, Tuesday 11am-1pm, Thursday 10am-2pm

OR

282 W. Doyle Street
Toccoa, GA 30577

HOURS: Monday-Friday 9am-12pm

SERVICES: Free pregnancy tests, counseling, and practical help and referrals. Also provides material needs for families i.e.: formula, diapers, free children's clothes closet, etc. Contacts are kept confidential.

HABERSHAM COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER PHYSICIANS REFERRAL SERVICE

CONTACT: Joy Ross

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2300

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 37
Demorest, GA 30535

SERVICES: Provide names of doctors who are accepting new patients in requested fields.

HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

HABERSHAM COUNTY

TELEPHONE: 706-778-7156

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8am-11am 1pm-5pm
Tuesday 8am -11am/ 1pm-6pm Friday 8am-11am

ADDRESS: 185 Scoggins Drive
Demorest, GA 30535

SERVICES: Diabetes screening program, immunizations, sexually transmitted disease program (GetSTDTested.com 1-877-468-3147), TB (Tuberculosis) Program, WIC (Women Infants and Children) Program, Dental, and Family Planning.

BANKS COUNTY

TELEPHONE: 706-677-2296

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm
(Closed from 12-1pm for lunch)
1st Thursday of each month, 10am-7pm
1st Friday of each month, 8am-3pm

ADDRESS: 667 Thompson Street
Homer, GA 30547

STEPHENS COUNTY

TELEPHONE: 706-282-4507

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

ADDRESS: 64 Boulevard; Suite 102
Toccoa, GA 30577

HOSPICE OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

CONTACT: Ida Stafford

TELEPHONE: 1-706-782-7505

SERVICES: Provide in home health care for terminally ill. Provide counseling services to family members. Provide camp opportunities to children who have lost family members.

HOSPITALS

CHILDRENS HEALTHCARE AT EGGLESTON

TELEPHONE: 1-800-250-5437 or 1-404-785-6000
ADDRESS: 1405 Clifton Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30322

EMORY CLINIC

TELEPHONE: 1-404-778-7777; Toll Free: 1-800-75-EMORY (1-800-753-6679)
ADDRESS: 1365 Clifton Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30322

CHILDRENS HEALTHCARE AT SCOTTISH RITE

TELEPHONE: 1-800-250-5437 or 404-785-5252
ADDRESS: 1001 Johnson Ferry Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30322

NURSE ADVICE LINE: (24hr.) 1-404-785-0000 option 1

SERVICES: Provide pediatric and orthopedic services for children. Medical clinics include allergy, language disorders, dental, developmental, diabetes, genetics, nutrition and psychology. Surgical clinics include cleft palate and lip, ear, nose and throat, eye neurosurgery, general pediatric surgery and plastic surgery, urology, orthopedic, food, growth and metabolic, hand, hip, leg, spinal and bone tumor.

ELIGIBILITY: Birth through 18 years. Must be recommended by a Scottish Rite Mason, physician or health department.

FEES: Based on income.

HABERSHAM COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

TELEPHONE: 706-754-2161
ADDRESS: Old Historic 441
Demorest, GA 30535

NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER

TELEPHONE: 770-219-0061/1-800-282-0535
ADDRESS: 743 Spring Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

**LIONS CLUB OF HABERSHAM
LIONS CLUB LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND**

TELEPHONE: 706-865-3196

CONTACT: Beatrice York

PURPOSE: Promote the welfare of Habersham County residents through eyeglasses and eye bank.

MEDLINK BANKS

TELEPHONE: 706-677-4568

ADDRESS: 1244 Historic Homer Hwy
Homer, GA 30547

HOURS: Monday and Tuesdays 8:00am-7:00pm
Wednesday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

MEDLINK RABUN

TELEPHONE: 706-782-5991

ADDRESS: 896 Hwy 411 S
Clayton, GA 30525

HOURS: Monday & Tuesday- 8:15am – 7:00pm
Wednesday-Friday- 8:15am – 5:15pm

S.I.D.S.

(Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)

TELEPHONE: 404-656-6679

SERVICES: To focus on risk reduction activities related to SIDS and to support families at the time of the death of a child.

IMPORTANT HEALTH CARE NUMBERS

Georgia Medicaid
706-570-3373



Peachcare
1-877-427-3224

Power line- 1-800-822-2539 toll free bilingual hotline.
Will provide information on doctors and dentists who accept Peachcare and Medicaid.

GEORGIA CARES (AGING)

TELEPHONE: 1-866-55AGING

SERVICES: Information on the Medicare Drug Discount Card, and help with Medicare problems.

HABERSHAM COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

CONTACT: Mya Greene, Director

TELEPHONE: 706-776-7768 or 706-776-7770

ADDRESS: 217 Scoggins Drive
Demorest, GA 30535

PURPOSE: To provide aid to the senior citizens of Habersham County.

SERVICES: Strives to aid the elderly by helping them remain as independent as possible; also provides the Meals on Wheels Program; two meals per day at meal site; provides transportation to doctor appointments, meals on wheels, and recreational activities; wellness programs also available.

WEBSITE: www.habershamga.com/seniorcenter

**THE LEGACY LINK INC,
AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

CONTACT: Pat Freeman

TELEPHONE: 1-800-845-LINK (1-800-845-5465)

ADDRESS: 508 Oak Street
Suite 1
P.O. Box 2534
Gainesville, GA 30503

SERVICES: Serve as an Aging and Disability Referral and Resource Center

WEBSITE: www.legacylink.org

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

HABERSHAM TRANSIT

TELEPHONE: 706-768-1982

SERVICES: Transportation to buy groceries, beauty shop, medical appointments and employment. Able to transport wheelchair-bound individuals. Call 24 hrs in advance to schedule a pickup.

LOCAL TAXI SERVICES

Cornelia Taxi-706-499-1674

Habersham Taxi-706-768-6331

Taxi Mexicano-706-968-9631

LOGISTICARE

TELEPHONE: 1-866-388-9844 or 1-678-510-4555

SERVICES: Provide transportation to and from medical appointments for those persons receiving Medicaid. At least a three-day advance notice required.

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

CHILD INTERNET SAFETY

TELEPHONE: 1-888-NETS-411

COCAINE HELPLINE

TELEPHONE: 1-800-COCAINE

DRUG ABUSE HOTLINE

TELEPHONE: 1-800-662-HELP(National) or 1-770-452-1590(Atlanta)

VETERAN SERVICES

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION Georgia Department of Veteran's Services

CONTACT: William Tucker

TELEPHONE: 706-754-4316

HOURS:	Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm closed 12pm-1pm for lunch
ADDRESS:	451 Roper Drive PO Box 1135 Clarksville, GA 30523
PURPOSE:	Assist veterans and their dependents in any of their needs
SERVICES:	Claims for compensation, pensions, insurance, education assistance, hospitalization and outpatient prescriptions, rehabilitation training, and home loans.
ELIGIBILITY:	Veterans, their widows and children.
WEBSITE:	www.veterans.georgia.gov

NOTES:

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